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Camp Prospect Hill July 29th: 1775

Dearest Lydia It is with pleasure I Imbrace this Opportunity to wright to you I wrote three days ago A short Letter by Andw Fish ~~Sam Allen~~ but I fear your paper is gone now or you would have wrote by Doctor Shearman and Martin Eastbrooke I am in Very Good Health and am pleased with the Disposition of the army that we have to Defend the Breastworks on this Hill where there is an opportunity for an Officer to Shew himself I had the Honour to be field officer of the Day here yesterday and as I was Visiting the Out Centries which Stands within half Musket Shot of the the Ennemies Centeries the Regulars Came out with a party and began to Cut Some Trees and Remove some fencing Stuff which was between the Centeries I Beckned to Two officers who Commanded there one of whom I took to be Major Bruce of the Regulars who Came out and met me between the Centeries when I told him that his Conduct in felling the Timber so near our Centries Created a Jealousie and Desired him, to Desist from any further Encroachments when he told me he thought the trees &C which they were gitting were as near their Lines as they were to ours and that they had not Interrupted our Men in Cutting Hay Close to the Lines and he promised me he would advance no farther I Immediately Returned and Reported what had happenned to Major General Lee who thanked me for my Conduct — I also Saw a Gentleman that Came out of Boston yesterday who Says the people of Boston & the Soldiers are Very Sickly and Much Dejected — that General Gage had given Orders for all the Inhabitants of Boston that have a Mind to depart by Water to Return their Names and Shor they Should have Liberty to Depart we have three Deserters from the Regulars come into this Camp Since we Came here one of whom found his own Brother here in the Camp their Meeting was Very affecting one hath Deserted by way of Roxbury who its thought will prove a Very Serviceable Man to our Army as he is able to give a plan of all the works & fortifycations in Boston and Knows all their Plans - he Says he can Direct the Army to Storm Boston with the Loss of Very few men that ~~if~~ it has been in Contemplation among the gazeites to Set Boston on fire and withdraw all the Troops & Ships but we ought not to Catch at Such Shaddows as that we have nothing under God to Depend upon but our own Strength | Since I wrote the above I Received yours by Simon Burr with the Greatest Sattisfaction I have got the Sheete you Sent me there is no Mistake in the order given by Manning he had Some Cloaths & Gave an order for them and the Same Day afterward had More | we are Now on prospect Hill in Brigadier General Greenes Brigade under the Command of Major General Lee and ~~your~~ our Duty is to Defend the Breast work that you was in when you was here the General Lives in a Hutt on the Hill in the Rear of the Incampment Mrs. Greene Stayed a Week after you went away and Part of the Time we was Poorly | I am Glad to hear of your Health and any time when you have an opportunity you'd Please to Send me a Bunch or Two of your Onions I am your Loving

Husband William T Miller

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To

Col.^ll^ William T. Miller

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